Revolutionary Action and Discussion

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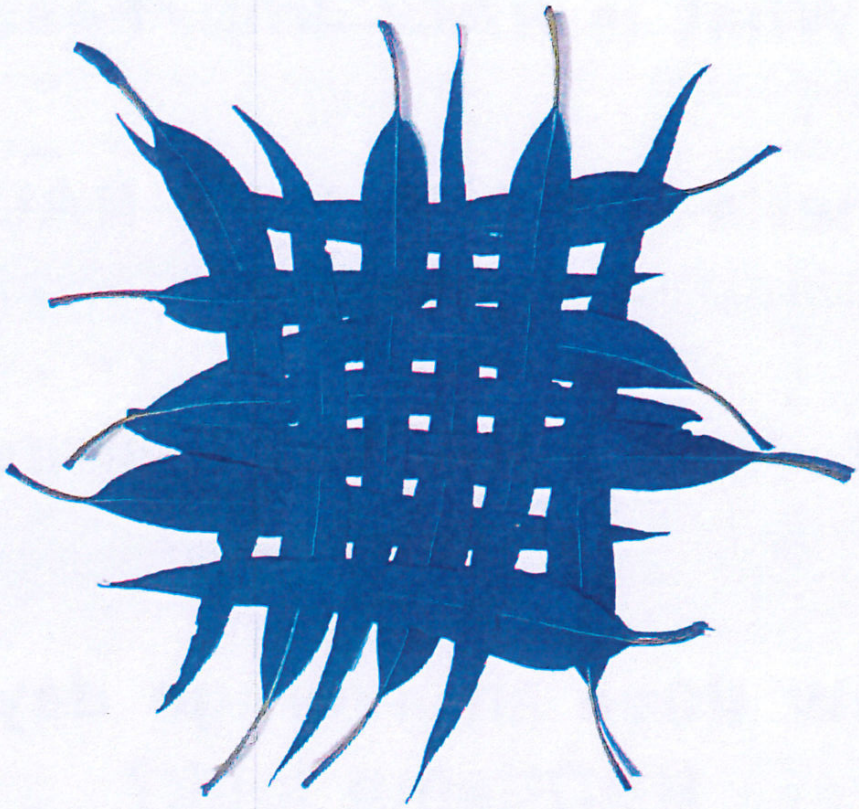

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Palawa/ Pakana who are the aboriginal people and true custodians of Lutruwita/ Tasmania.

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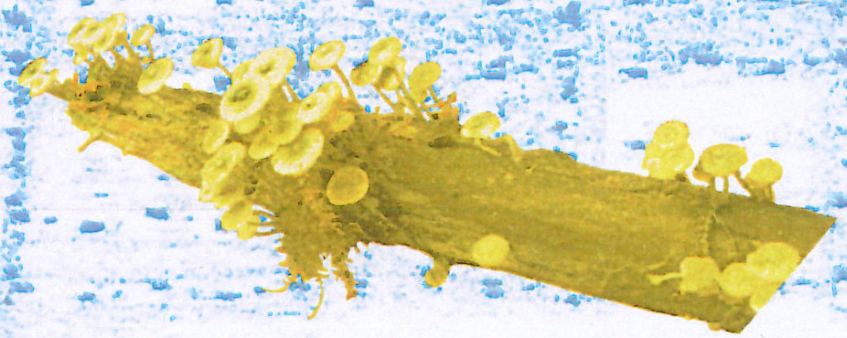


Working the 9-to-5 grind earning just enough money to pay off your landlord's sixth mortgage and afford a tin of beans at Woolies?

Tired of seeing our supposedly 'progressive' representatives take selfies with tyrants and oligarchs whilst genocides are live-streamed all over our phones?

Ready for the gas-led recovery to help us to transition out of coal so we can transition to nuclear so we can transition to renewables so we can transition to the new Mars colony?

Waiting for ChatGPT to absorb all our data, become self-aware, morph into Skynet, and bring about the nuclear holocaust?

Wondering what's with Nazis becoming a thing again?

Well you need to come to RADCamp!!!

What is RADCamp?

Revolutionary Action and Discussion (RAD- sorry for yet another acronym!) Camp is a space for grassroots activists and groups to come together to connect, support, and learn from each other. Together, we can work on tackling the big issues of our times in our respective corners of the continent whilst also developing a collective strategy and blueprint for a nation-wide revolution!

Held on the sovereign lands of the Palawa/Pakana people of Lutruwita/Tasmania, RADCamp will take place on a beautiful bush block nestled in the hills in the North-East of the island, 40 minutes outside of Launceston. RADCamp will span over three weeks from **February 6–27**, this time being a closed and secure space for our core community to congregate and organise, before opening up to our wider community for RADFest over the weekend of **February 27–March 1**, then finally packing down the space from **March 2–8**.

The first three weeks at RADCamp will allow for an immersive experience in which we can flesh out and build an example of the society we wish to see replicated across the world. A society that can help wean us off of the capitalist systems that oppress us by creating alternative systems of meeting our needs through self-sufficiency, mutual aid, and solidarity. A society which is governed by the collective will of the people not corporations and billionaires. A society that cares for the most vulnerable people in our community, the surrounding ecosystem, and the land on which it is based. And a society that is resilient and equipped with the knowledge and skills to weather the storms to come. We then hope to share all that we have learnt and built at RADCamp at our weekend RADFest which will be a more open space for our wider community to engage in.

What's the plan for a RADical summer?

Lutruwita/Tassie is one of the of the most biodiverse hotspots for fungi in the world so it is only fitting that our intentions for the RAD space comes in the form of a mushroom analogy:

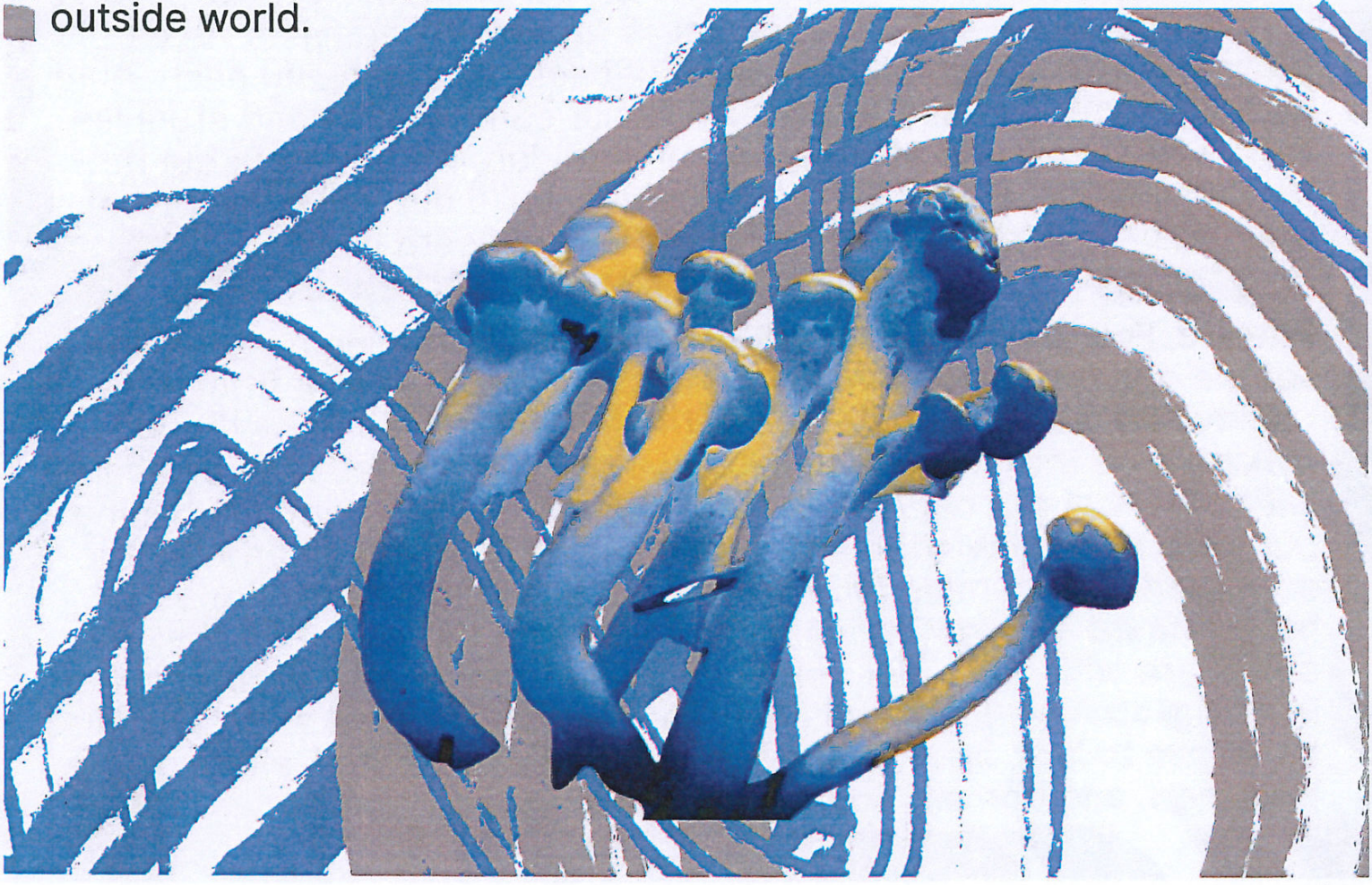
Week 1, Feb 6-12, Growing the Mycelium: This first week will focus on setting down our fungal roots and linking up all of our mycelial networks. This will involve finalising some of the key camp infrastructure (digging shit-pits, rigging bush structures, clearing tent pads, etc.), establishing norms and routines, and filling out the working groups required to keep camp running smoothly and effectively over the coming weeks. It will also be a time to get to know one another and hear about what each group is up to in their corner of the country, to bond over shared experiences and outlooks, and to enjoy the beautiful surrounds and each other's company through music/art/play.

Week 2, Feb 13–19, Decomposition and Regeneration: This week will involve planning out how we are going to break down the old systems of power as we begin to build new, fairer and better ones. As we begin to break down the rotting organic matter of the old world we can start generating a new, fertile soil in which revolutionary ideas can take root. From our collective pool of knowledge, skills, and experiences as grassroots activists we can grow and strengthen our mycelium network by equipping each other with the tools we need to go back to our communities and organise more effectively and strategically. In addition, we can work out how we can support each other's campaigns, build our collective power, and organise and mobilise for issues that concern us all.

Week 3, Feb 20–26, The Fruiting Body: After creating a nourishing soil we can enjoy watching as mushrooms begin to fruit from the community we have built. We still need to help them grow though , making sure that camp is running smoothly and is ready to be shared with others at our harvest. In this week we hope to continue honing our skills and knowledge and support folks stepping up and feeling confident in their roles for RADFest. By this time we also hope to have refined a collective vision and blueprint for the future that we can share with our wider community and formulated a programme of learning/upskilling/entertainment for our harvest weekend. It will also be a time to look back on the last three weeks, debrief, share learnings, and iron out any final creases.

RADFest, Feb 27–March 1, Mushroom Harvest: It is now time for us to enjoy and share the fruits of our labour with our wider community at RADFest! We will welcome people onto the fertile soil we have built and to share in the wonderful mushroom harvest we have grown. This space will be an opportunity to transfer the knowledge and skills we have gained over our time at camp with others in our community so that may also be inspired to join or start their own mycelium networks. Discussion spaces and workshops will be held around the two key tenets of grassroots organising: direct action and mutual aid, providing opportunities and avenues for folks to take action. It will also be a time to celebrate everything that is good and joyous in building a community: sharing nourishing food and company, dancing along to live music, creating art and connections, and realising that this is the way we are meant to be living.

Packdown, March 2–8, The Sporing: After a big harvest weekend it will then be time to begin packing down the space, leaving the soil better than we found it for our benevolent land-holders. It will also serve as a great opportunity for us to decompress after the last few weeks and compile our learnings and debriefs into resources that we can preserve and share for similar events in the future. This could also be the space to plan ahead for more radical gatherings and to ensure that we have some solid next steps set out so that we can carry the energy and momentum from our time at camp into the outside world.



How will an average day at RADCamp look?

Each day will start with a Morning Meeting over breakfast where we will check in with each of the key working groups and what their jobs/activities/plans are for the day. The key working groups so far include:

- RAD Site Crew
- RAD Infrastructure and Equipment Crew
- RAD Kitchen Crew
- RAD Comms Crew
- RAD Welfare Crew
- RAD Finances Crew
- RADFest Weekend Warriors (festival organisers)

The roles and responsibilities of each working group are hopefully self-explanatory but will be outlined upon your arrival at camp. There will also be a core organising committee with representatives from each of these working groups which we hope will be a rotatory role with the shadowing and upskilling of those keen to join.

We will then plan out an agenda for the day which may include anything from skill-shares and workshops, strategic discussion and action planning spaces, artistic and creative sessions, mental and physical workouts, fun and games, and whatever else folks want to do! We want to foster and encourage a culture of 'do-ocracy' where those who are at camp on any given day can plan amongst themselves as to what the day looks like. We also encourage those planning on coming to camp to consider what skills/knowledge/activities they may like to share and faciliitate. Please let us know if you need any help organising the materials or equipment you may need to do so!

After getting stuck into the morning's activities we will then break for lunch before moving into the afternoon agenda. We aim to debrief from the day over dinner and afterwards hopefully enjoy some evening entertainment or shenanigans!

RADFest will have a much more established agenda and program with set times and spaces for the forums, workshops, skill-shares, and entertainment we have planned out over our time at camp. There will also be plenty of space and opportunity to keep the DIY spirit continuing though, and again we encourage those keen to facilitate any activities to let us know in advance so we can help organise the relevant infrastructure and materials.

What does a RADical Culture look like?

The culture of RADCamp/Fest is something that we wish all participants to help shape and inform during their time spent there, but to get us started here are some guiding principles:

Anti-colonial: RADCamp/Fest and everywhere we organise on this continent is on stolen land. It is the overarching context in which we operate and it is the underlying cause of all the issues that we encounter in our colonial society. In this space, we ask that attendees commit to unlearning harmful colonial ways of acting and thinking and we aim to keep solidarity with First Nations people and decolonisation at the forefront of all our discussions and activities.

Anti-capitalist: It is the capitalist system that works hand in hand with colonialism in destroying our communities, culture, and environment. We can no longer tinker around the edges and side-step the true question of our times: How do we overthrow and replace capitalism? RADCamp/Fest will be prioritising addressing this question and asks reformists to abandon the idea that this system can be reformed in any way.

Anti-patriarchal: The third head on the hydra that is the clusterfuck that we live under: patriarchy and male power structures have also played an unquestionable role in landing us in the mess we find ourselves in. We therefore ask participants, particularly the men-folk, to examine and unlearn the patriarchal attitudes and behaviour that contribute to this system that ultimately oppresses us all.

Anti-hierarchical: The last of the anti's – no bosses, no masters! We will be using autonomous working/affinity groups (expanded on later) to address each of the key components of RADCamp/Fest with the idea that we rotate roles through shadowing and upskilling, and encouraging a culture of 'do-ocracy'. No one person is in charge, we are all responsible for the functioning and direction of the camp.

Intersectional: We aim to address all the key issues of our times as symptoms of the same systemic disease that cannot be isolated from each other. We therefore strive to draw the links between different causes and concerns in our communities and to come up with a collective approach that is holistic and addresses the root cause of the problem.

Consent and consensus: Free, prior, and informed consent is mandatory within all interactions between participants. This will also apply to group settings and we will be employing consensus based decision making when making collective decisions.

Safe and secure: We aim for this space to be physically, emotionally, and culturally safe for all participants. This involves a zero tolerance policy for any kind of bigotry and a commitment to resolving any conflict through a reformative justice process whilst prioritising people's safety above all else.

Non-violent communication: We hope that all participants can communicate with each other through non-violent means and that everyone can approach points of contention with a constructive and robust attitude.

Accessibility: We aim to reduce all possible barriers for people's participation in this space, keeping in mind the limitations of the remote and rugged site location. We also hope to minimise financial barriers to attending through having a sliding scale of contributing to the space and finding ways to support those experiencing financial hardship to attend. Any accessibility feedback and concerns will be actively taken on board.

Grassroots: Both the camp and festival will be led by grassroots activist groups and individuals. Though we welcome folks who may wear different hats out in the wider world, we are wary of how easily radical spaces are co-opted by the powers that be so we ask that all attendees keep this space for supporting radical grassroots organising.

DIY: The intention behind building this space is to ideally wean ourselves off of the systems responsible for all the issues we care about. That means trying to rely on those systems as little as possible and relying on our people power instead. We understand that this is difficult as the system has us well and truly shackled to it but we will strive to find workarounds, hustles, and a DIY alternative as much as possible!

Sharing and learning: We want to foster a culture where we can appreciate everyone's different lived and levels of experience and hope that we can support each other in growing our collective knowledge, skills, and power to create revolutionary change.

Caring and joyful: We expect for all camp-goers to care for the land, people, and creatures involved. We hope that camp can serve as a means to both hold space for the complex feelings that arise when addressing the social and environmental collapse we are all witnessing whilst also promoting all the joy that is still to be found in the coming together of human beings and the building of community.

Minimal Tech: We want everyone to feel secure whilst living/organising in the RAD space and we also want everyone to be as present as possible so we therefore encourage as minimal use of technology as possible.

RAD Rules

We know it's not very anarchisty to have rules but here they are:

- No pets: The site is a bush location with an abundance of native wildlife that we don't want to scare off with doggos and cattos.
- 16+: All individuals from ages 16 and older are welcome at RADCamp with RADFest being open to all ages. Under 18s in both spaces will need an elected guardian.
- Dry space: We intend for the entire Camp and Fest space to be drug and alcohol free and for people to not be under the influence in communal areas.
- Tech free: Likewise, we aim for communal areas to be free of technology.
- No commerce: We expect there to be no selling of goods and wares in the RAD space.
- Community accountability: Any breaches of the RAD culture/participants agreement will result in a community accountability process in which we may have to ask individuals to leave the space.
- Personal responsibility: We will endeavour to provide as safe a communal space as possible with all participants needing to take responsibility for their own health, safety, and wellbeing at all times.

Preparing to come to Camp

Travelling to camp:

First, join our RAD Summer announcements Signal chat by scanning the QR code below to receive all the detailed directions for getting to camp and other relevant comms and info. You will need to be approved by an admin team of grassroots reps so please get in contact with folks in your area if you are having trouble getting approved.

Second, if coming from the mainland you will need to book either a plane to Launceston airport or take the Spirit of Tasmania ferry to Devonport. If taking a car, you can drive straight to the site with the exact site location being detailed in the RAD announcements chat. From Launceston, there is a morning bus and an afternoon bus that will get you to the nearby town of Scottsdale 15 minutes from site. The bus timetable is here:

https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/public_transport/bus_timetables/north/derby_to_launceston

For those driving themselves directly there, the road is long and windy to get there and you should ideally aim to arrive during daylight hours as our furry friends are out in force after dusk. The site is 2WD accessible and is sealed up until the last few k's where it is still a decent gravel road.

Living at camp:

The site is able to support tent and car/van camping but that is it so prepare to do without a few creature comforts! There will be access to plenty of fresh water whilst power access will be fairly limited with only a few solar charging stations. There is limited phone reception and most of Tassie works best on the Telstra network with Optus and Vodafone having much patchier reach.

We will be providing three square meals a day with the idea that all main meals will be vegan and gluten free with optional bin-dived extras on offer. If you have any dietary requirements please let the comms team know as soon as possible. We will endeavour to cater to everyone as best as we can but you may want to bring your own food supplies/snacks if you have very particular dietary needs.

This event will be run on as thin a shoe-string budget as possible but there will be some costs that we will all need to help cover. These include purchasing ingredients for main meals, fuel for cooking and transport, equipment purchase and hire, etc. All costs will be completely open and transparent and we have formulated a rough sliding scale for the cost of attendance per person that you should budget for:

Waged solidarity: $15 per day
Waged: $10 per day
Unwaged: $5 per day
Financial hardship: $0

For those experiencing financial hardship we don't want this to be a barrier for you in attending and there are plenty of other ways for you to contribute in kind! This will also be an honesty system with nobody turned away.

Safety at Camp:

There will be lots of people on site at any one time with first aid training and a fully stocked first aid kit. If you have specific first aid needs (such as an epipen or Glucagen hypokit) we ask that you please bring them, and speak to the welfare team when you arrive at camp so we're all informed. If anything happens that we aren't able to treat, there is a hospital in the town about 15 minutes drive from the camp, and for serious injuries they can air-lift to Launnie or Hobart.

There is the risk of exposure to venomous snakes and biting ants that you may have adverse reactions to. We will have an Epipen handy but tread carefully and be aware of your surroundings.

The camp is being held in February, the driest month for the area, and we'll be surrounded by forests, so fire safety is a huge priority. We aim to have an active response vehicle, but prevention is always our goal. Our ability to light fires will depend on wind and Total Fire Ban days, and we will have specific areas designated for fire lighting.

What to bring:

As already mentioned, the site is rugged and remote and the Tasmanian weather is as fickle as it gets so you need to be prepared for pretty much everything. Here is a basic list of what to bring:

- Tent/bivvy, sleeping pad, sleeping bag
- Clothes for all possible weather conditions from full rain and cold to hot and dry: raincoat, rain pants, thermals, beanie, gloves, sturdy footwear, sun hat, etc.
- Toiletries and personal medication
- Headtorch with spare batteries and/or charger
- Water bottle and sun protection
- Personal snacks
- Notebooks, stationary, etc (This will largely be a tech free space for security, especially in meetings/workshops, so if you'd like to take notes, bring what you need for that)
- Solar camp showers

Please also let us know what you may like to bring to the space:

- Gazebos, tarps, bell tents for communal use
- Ropes and climbing gear
- Kitchen equipment
- Solar set-ups and batteries
- Instruments and art supplies
- Sports and games equipment

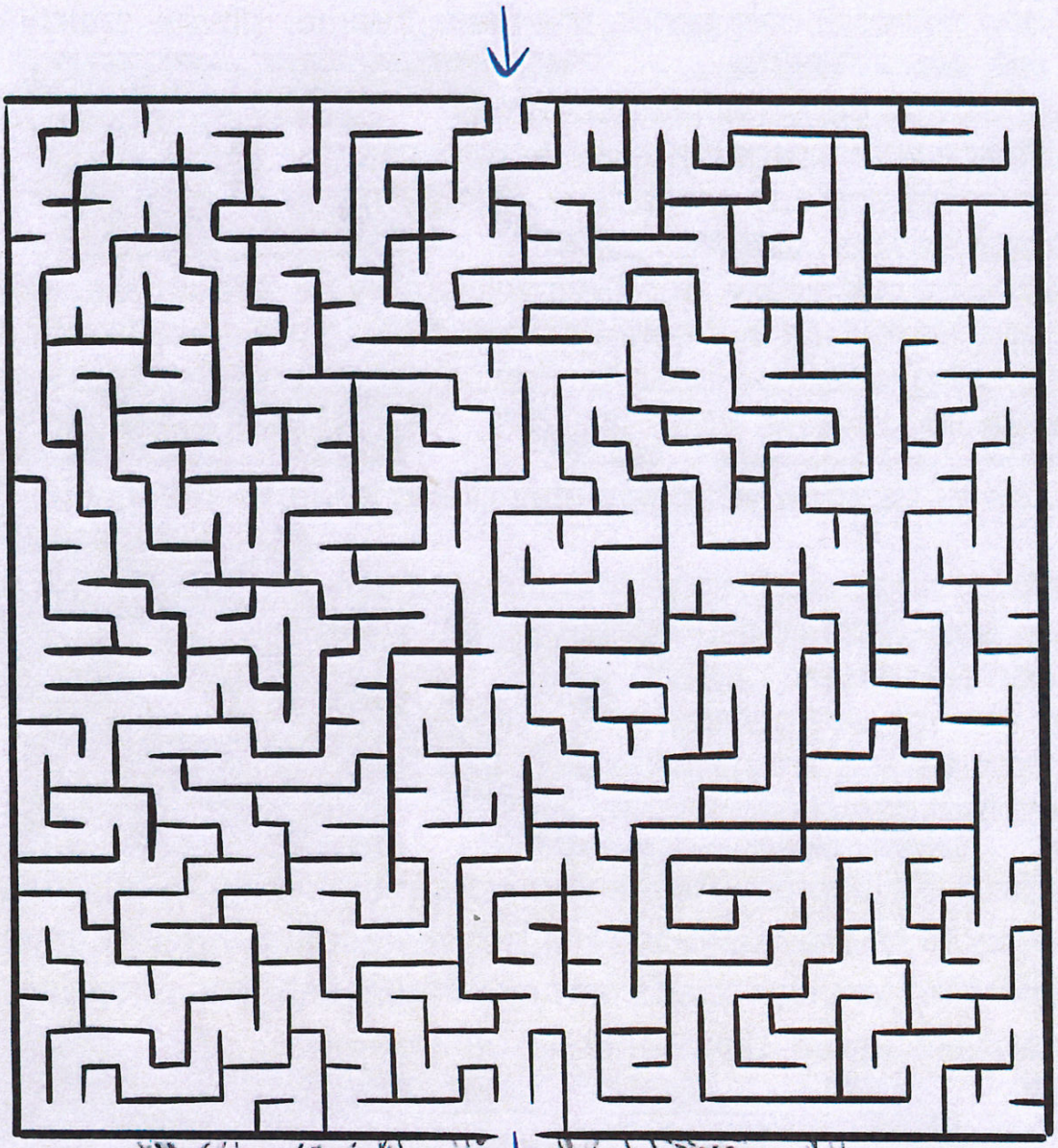
Workshops & Skillshares: As mentioned earlier, we hope RADcamp will be a space for us all to share and learn skills, techniques and strategies. If you have something you can teach, and need help sourcing materials locally, send us a message on Signal and we can try to help.

RAD Recruitment

RADCamp is a space for trusted organisers involved with grassroots organisations and movements across the country. We want this to be a secure space so trust that you only share this material within your core organising circles. Please feel free to add any trusted and vetted folks to the announcements chat and only if they are intending on coming to camp.

RADFest will be a much more openly promoted event which we will be sharing on our social media but the exact location withheld and only communicated through a registration form.

See you at RADcamp!



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